CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

1. (currently amended) A method for welding a flexible flat cable ~~(1)~~ to a member ~~(2)~~, the flat flexible cable ~~(1)~~ having a conductive element ~~(4)~~ covered on opposite first and second sides by an insulation coating ~~(5)~~, comprising:

stripping part of the insulation coating ~~(5)~~ from the first side of the flexible flat cable ~~(1)~~ for exposing a section of the conductive element ~~(4)~~;

introducing the flexible flat cable ~~(1)~~ and the member ~~(2)~~ between a horn ~~(7)~~ and an anvil ~~(6)~~ of an ultrasonic welding machine ~~(3)~~ so that the exposed section of the conductive element ~~(4)~~ is held substantially in contact with the member ~~(2)~~, the horn ~~(7)~~ having a press-contact surface with a plurality of elongated projection ~~(9)~~;

pressing the elongated projections ~~(9)~~ into contact with the insulation coating ~~(5)~~ on the second side of the flexible flat cable ~~(1)~~; and

transmitting an ultrasonic vibration to the horn ~~(7)~~ for causing the elongated projections ~~(9)~~ to bite into the insulation coating layer ~~(1)~~ and substantially into contact with the conductive element ~~(4)~~ for ultrasonically welding the conductive element ~~(4)~~ to the member ~~(2)~~.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising aligning the flat flexible cable ~~(1)~~ substantially parallel to the elongated projections ~~(9)~~.

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising stripping part of the insulation coating ~~(5)~~ from the second side of the flexible flat cable ~~(1)~~ to define a non-stripped portion ~~(5a)~~ and a stripped portion ~~(5b)~~ on the second side of the flexible flat cable ~~(1)~~, and pressing the horn ~~(7)~~ into contact with both the non-stripped

portion ~~(5a)~~ and the stripped portion ~~(5b)~~ to weld the conductive element ~~(4)~~ ultrasonically to the member ~~(2)~~.

4. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein slits ~~(10)~~ are formed in the respective elongated projections ~~(9)~~ on the press-contact surface of the horn ~~(7)~~ to make the elongated projections discontinuous substantially along a longitudinal direction of the flexible flat cable ~~(1)~~.

5. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the insulation coating ~~(5)~~ is stripped from the first side of the flexible flat cable ~~(1)~~ for a distance slightly longer than a length ~~(L)~~ of the horn ~~(7)~~.

6. (currently amended) A horn of an ultrasonic welding machine ~~(3)~~ for ultrasonically welding a flexible flat cable ~~(1)~~, the horn ~~(7)~~ having a press-contact surface with a plurality of substantially parallel elongated projections ~~(9)~~ of tapered cross section for pressed contact with the flexible flat cable ~~(1)~~, each said elongated projection being formed with slits to make the respective elongated projection discontinuous.

7. (canceled).

8. (canceled).

9. (currently amended) The horn of claim ~~8~~ 6, wherein the discontinuous elongated projections ~~(9)~~ have an extension between about 0.3 mm and about 1 mm.

10. (currently amended) The horn of claim 9, wherein the discontinuous elongated projections ~~(9)~~ have an extension of between about 0.4 mm and 0.7 mm.

11. (currently amended) ~~The~~ A horn of ~~claim 6~~ an ultrasonic welding machine for ultrasonically welding a flexible flat cable, the horn having a press-contact surface with a plurality of substantially parallel elongated projections of tapered cross

section for pressed contact with the flexible flat cable, wherein the press-contact surface of the horn ~~(7)~~ comprises an elongated projection area where the plurality of elongated projections ~~(9)~~ are provided and a protrusion area where a number of protrusion ~~(14)~~ having a tapered cross are provided.

12. (currently amended) The horn of claim ~~10~~ 11, wherein a projecting distance of the protrusions ~~(14)~~ is longer than a projecting distance of the elongated projections ~~(9)~~ by a distance corresponding to about a thickness of insulation coating ~~(5)~~ on the flexible flat cable ~~(1)~~.

13. (currently amended) The horn of claim 6, wherein the elongated projections ~~(9)~~ have a substantially acute-angled isosceles triangular cross section.